Dengue cases in Karnataka

1270. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dengue fever cases reported from Karnataka from January, 2002 to the end of October, 2003;

(b) whether Government have assisted the State to take up awareness measures in schools in the State;

(c) whether the State Government has requested to provide fogging machines, diagnostic kits and information booklets;

(d) whether these material supports have been provided to the State; and

(e) whether Government would draw up a national plan of action for combating Dengue?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per report received from the State Health authorities, 1570 Dengue cases have been recorded in Karnataka during the period from January, 2002 to the end of October, 2003.

(b) to (e) The State Government is reported to have instructed the District Malaria Officers to conduct dengue awareness workshops in affected areas and to involve school teachers and school children for source reduction and creating dengue fever awareness in community. Guidelines, Diagnostic Kit (1250), Larvicides (5500 litres) and Adulticide (1000 litres) have been supplied to Karnataka in 2002-03 for Dengue/ urban malaria/filarial control. 67 medical personnel were trained with Central Government support in dengue prevention and control.

A National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) by converging prevention and control programmes for dengue and Japanese Encephalities with three ongoing Centrally Sponored Schemes namely National Anti Malaria Programme, National Filaria Control Programme and Kala-azar Control Programme has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 15th October, 2003. For controlling dengue, Central Support to the States is need based and is provided in the event of an outbreak.